

**Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000
Bureau of Land Management Salem District
Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)
Fiscal Year 2002 & 2003 Project Status Report**

Date: September 2002

Multi-county

Willamette Basin Invasive Weed Partnership (2002 & 2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA analysis is not required. ESA is not applicable. Additional preparatory work is not needed.

Implementation method: A contractor funded through Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and two BLM Student Conservation Association resource assistants will complete the work. The resource assistants started work in June 2002 and **the coordinator is making the transition to full time work in November 2002.**

On the ground accomplishments:

An interagency work group comprised of BLM, USFS, ODA, Marion County, Cascade Pacific RC&D, Portland Parks and Recreation and East Multnomah SWCD participated in a September planning meeting is scheduled to meet again in November 2002 to develop a work plan. The coordinator will work to accomplish the tasks identified in Phase II..

Student Conservation Association resource assistants will conduct a training and education materials inventory starting in the month of July.

A Willamette Basin weed list serve is active (willamette-weed@oda.state.or.us). Contact dennis_wise@or.blm.gov to subscribe.

A proposal (due Nov. 6th) is being prepared for a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant (Pulling Together Initiative) to support a public outreach/education campaign in the Willamette Basin.

A Request for Qualification solicitation notice for a WMA Coordinator will be released in the month of July. An interagency work group comprised of BLM, USFS, ODA, Marion County and OSU Extension will be invited to participate in the selection process for the coordinator. The coordinator will be selected by mid August. The coordinator will work to accomplish the tasks identified in Phase II. Student Conservation Association resource assistants will conduct a training and education materials inventory starting in the month of July.

***Projected completion:* Targeted completion date for Phase I. (Startup) is December 2002**

- Assemble a partnership group (completed).
- Hire a Program Coordinator (completed).
- Expand the partnership/focus group

Targeted completion date for Phase II. (WMA feasibility process and coordination) is October 2003.

- Conduct a feasibility process to determine the most likely scenarios to setup a WMA.
- Pursue and broaden partnership base.
- Identify potential pilot/demonstration projects
- Identify and create as necessary noxious weed information sharing/communication tools.

- Identify training and education materials suitable for the Willamette Basin
- Identify sources of diversified funding for establishing WMA's and project implementation.

Benton County

Benton Foothills Road Restoration (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA is complete. DNA ESA is complete (programmatic Section 7 consultation) Engineering is in process.

Implementation method: The work will be done by BLM road maintenance crew.

On the ground accomplishments: On the ground work has not been initiated, however is expected to be completed by March 31, 2003. Work will commence shortly. **The culvert has been purchased & is stockpiled in the maintenance yard.**

Projected completion: March 31, 2003

South Fork Road Improvement (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA, ESA and T&E are complete.

Implementation method: The work will be done by County Personnel and perhaps subcontractors. Cooperative Agreement Between Benton County and BLM is completed.

On the ground accomplishments: Work being done now is engineering, survey and design. On the ground work is expected to begin in Summer of 2003.

Projected completion: Targeted completion date for the portion of the project funded is Summer of 2003.

Honeygrove Tributary Creek Passage (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: DNA & ESA Complete

Implementation method: Cooperative Agreement with Washington County

On the ground accomplishments: **Need to develop and execute an assistance agreement.**

Projected completion: FY 2003

Green Creek Culvert & Stream Restoration (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: DNA & ESA Complete

Implementation method: Cooperative Agreement with Washington County

On the ground accomplishments: **Need to develop and execute an assistance agreement.**

Projected completion: FY 2003

Fish Passage and Habitat Assessment Program (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA analysis not required

Implementation method: Cooperative agreement with Benton SWCD

On the ground accomplishments: **None yet.**

Projected completion: October 1, 2003

Clackamas County

Illegal Dumping Prevention & Cleanup

Analysis & Consultation: None required.

Implementation method: Assistance Agreement.

On the ground accomplishments: **None.**

Projected completion: Sept 2003

Columbia County

Cedar Creek Fish Passage Restoration (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Construction contract is awarded. This is a joint contract with Maintenance of BLM Roads on Cedar Creek Road.

On the ground accomplishments: Work is scheduled to occur during summer 2003 in-water work period.

Projected completion: September 2003.

Maintenance of BLM Roads (Columbia Co.) (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Contract is awarded. This is a joint contract with Cedar Creek Fish Passage Restoration.

On the ground accomplishments: Work will occur on Cedar Creek Rd. **and is scheduled to start work in spring 2003.**

Projected completion: September 2003.

East Fork Nehalem River Assessment (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA Section 7 Consultation are not applicable. This work is an assessment only.

Implementation method: An assistance agreement between BLM and Nehalem Watershed Council is being developed and is expected to be signed by mid November.

On the ground accomplishments: **Assessment work is expected to occur from fall 2002 thru summer 2003.**

Projected completion: December 2003

Pisgah Home Road (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA efforts will be initiated in fall 2003.

Implementation method: An assistance agreement between BLM and Columbia County Road Department is anticipated. Olympic Resource Management is also a partner in this project.

On the ground accomplishments: **Work is expected to begin in spring 2003 by the Columbia County Road Department.**

Projected completion: Summer 2003.

Nehalem Riparian Restoration (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA efforts will be initiated in fall 2003.

Implementation method: An assistance agreement between BLM and the Nehalem Watershed Council is anticipated.

On the ground accomplishments: **Spring 2003.**

Projected completion: Summer 2003.

Lincoln County

Lincoln County Knotweed (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA not required. ESA ongoing

Implementation method: Cooperative agreement between BLM & Lincoln County

On the ground accomplishments: **Summer/ Fall 2003**

Projected completion: **Wall/Winter 2003**

Big Elk Creek Riparian Project (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA is complete.

Implementation method: Local landowners, with project management by ODFW biologist. An agreement with Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, who is the fiscal agent for ODFW has been signed.

On the ground accomplishments: Although companion project on federal lands is completed, the project on private lands will be initiated this fall and then completed with planting in the spring of 2003.

Projected completion: Targeted completion date for the portion of the project funded is Spring, 2003.

Linn County

South Santiam Gauging Stations (2002 & 2003)

Analysis & Consultation: Consulting with South Santiam Watershed Council on what is needed and who will install and operate the gauges.

Implementation method: Assistance Agreement. This will have to be sent to OSO but will not happen until after July 12 (deadline for 2002 contracts to be submitted in order to be processed this fiscal year).

On the ground accomplishments: None yet.

Projected completion: Installation fall 2002 (assuming Agreement signed and funds released early in fiscal year).

Law Enforcement Agreement (2002 & 2003)

Analysis & Consultation: Done

Implementation method: **Draft sent to Sheriff and OSO for review**

On the ground accomplishments: None

Projected completion: Fall 2002

Yellowbottom Access Road repair/culverts (2002 & 2003)

Analysis & Consultation: Done

Implementation method: Advertised contract. Contact preparation is ongoing. If more of this project is going to be funded this year it would make sense to include all the work in one contract.

On the ground accomplishments: None

Projected completion: Fall 2002

Thomas Creek Variable Density LSR Thinning (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: Analysis begun fall 2002

Implementation method: Contract

On the ground accomplishments: **Initial field review & stand exams completed.**

***Projected completion:* 2005**

Thomas Creek LSR Young Stand Management (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: Analysis began fall 2002.

Implementation method: Contract

On the ground accomplishments: **Initial field review.**

***Projected completion:* 2005**

Marion County

Butte Creek Fish Habitat Restoration (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: None yet.

Implementation method: Contract

On the ground accomplishments: **None**

***Projected completion:* September 2003**

North Fork Noxious Weed Removal (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: None yet.

Implementation method: Assistance agreement with County.

On the ground accomplishments: **None**

***Projected completion:* September 2003**

8-3E-25.4 Road Culvert Removals (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA consultation complete

Implementation method: Contract

On the ground accomplishments: **Initial field examination and design.**

***Projected completion:* Fall 2003**

Polk County

Beck Road Oak Release (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA analysis is on going and expected to be completed by winter of 2002/2003. All preparatory work is currently being done or will be done in the near future.

Implementation method: NEPA and preparatory work will be done by BLM personnel.

On the ground accomplishments: Work is expected to begin in Summer of 2003.

Projected completion: Targeted completion date for the portion of the project funded is 2003/2004.

Note: When this project application was initiated, section 204 (e) 3 (A) was overlooked. That section requires that a certain percentage of projects that result in the sales of merchantable materials, must be implemented as part of a pilot program with separate contracts for

1. Harvest or collection of merchantable materials and
2. The sale of such material.

Given this fact, another project application was prepared to cover the additional contract cost that would be involved in implementing this project. **The RAC did not recommend funding these contract costs. The project will be implemented using traditional lump sum timber sale methods.**

Tillamook County

Riparian Restoration Plant Stock (2002 & 2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA & ESA Section 7 Consultation are not applicable. This project only addresses the growing of plant stock.

Implementation method: Assistance agreement between BLM and Tillamook County SWCD.

On the ground accomplishments: Growing facility development is in progress.

Projected completion: Plant stock should be produced by February 2003 and 2004.

Upper Nestucca Watershed Road Drainage (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Contract. The bids received were higher than the government estimate. Jobs in the Woods program funds were used to supplement the County Payments funds to assure completion of the entire project.

On the ground accomplishments: Work was initiated in August 2002 **and completed in mid October as planned.**

Projected completion: October 2002.

Southern Flame Density Management (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA efforts have been initiated.

Implementation method: A commercial timber sale contract is the anticipated implementation tool.

On the ground accomplishments: **Project work is expected on the ground in 2005 thru 2008.**

Projected completion: 2008.

Washington County

Maintenance of BLM Roads (Washington Co.) (2002)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Salem BLM Road Maintenance crew.

On the ground accomplishments: Work began in September 2002 on the Roaring Creek Rd in the North Yamhill River Watershed but was not completed before fall rains. **Vehicle access to the road segment will be restricted for the winter to minimize resource impacts to the adjacent stream. Disturbed soils will be seeded and sediment barriers placed.**

Projected completion: September 2003.

Dairy Creek Riparian and Fish Habitat Restoration (2003)

Analysis & Consultation: NEPA and ESA are complete.

Implementation method: Service contract.

On the ground accomplishments: **Work is expected during the summer 2003 in-water work period.**

Projected completion: October 2003.